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To VIKTOR[i].

"19"[ii] reports that "KAPITAN"[iii] and "KABAN"[iv], during conversations in the "COUNTRY [STRANA][v]", invited "19" to join them and ZAMESTITEL'[vi] openly told "KABAN"

[10 groups unrecovered]

second front against GERMANY this year. KABAN considers that, if a second front should prove to be unsuccessful, then this [3 groups unrecovered] harm to Russian interests and [6 groups unrecovered]. He considers it more advantageous and effective to weaken GERMANY by bombing and to use this time for "[4 groups unrecovered] political crisis so that there may be no doubt that a second front next year will prove successful."

ZAMESTITEL' and

[14 groups unrecovered]

". 19 thinks that "KAPITAN" is not informing ZAMESTITEL' of important military decisions and that therefore ZAMESTITEL' may not have exact knowledge of [1 group unrecovered] with the opening of a second front against GERMANY and its postponement from this year to next year. 19 says that ZAMESTITEL' personally is an ardent supporter of a second front at this time and considers postponement

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[15 groups unrecovered]

can shed blood

[13 groups unrecoverable]

recently shipping between the USA and

[40 groups unrecovered]

The "COUNTRY" hardly [9 groups unrecovered] insufficient reason for delaying a second front."

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MER[vii]

Footnotes:/ [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] 19 : Unidentified cover designation.

[iii] KAPITAN : i.e. "CAPTAIN"; Franklin D. ROOSEVELT.

[iv] KABAN : i.e. "BOAR"; Winston CHURCHILL.

[v] COUNTRY : U.S.A.

[vi] ZAMESTITEL': i.e. Deputy - therefore possibly

7 / Henry Agard WALLACE, who was

ROOSEVELT's Deputy (Vice-President) at this time: later he is referred to

by the covername "LOTsMAN".

[vii] MER : Probably Iskhak Abdulovich AKhMEROV.

